since the matter is complex no time limit can be indicated.

(b) The Presidential Order in this connection permits only Hindus and Sikhs to be considered for notification as Scheduled Castes provided they satisfy the criteria for declaration as scheduled castes.

**T.V. Programmes**

684. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the majority of Television programmes cater to the urban population and specially upper middle classes which have little relevance to the problems and needs of millions of people in backward areas; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The planning of all programmes of Doordarshan is based on the interest and needs of all sections of the society and not merely the urban population and upper middle classes. Special Area Specific Programmes are telecast for target audience in rural areas. Programmes produced by Regional Doordarshan Kendras are specially prepared to cater to the cultural social and developmental needs of the viewers of that particular area.

**Oriya film songs in chitramala**

685. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that song sequences from Oriya films are not telecast in Chitramala to the required extent; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Pilot projects for Agriculture**

686. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to introduce some pilot projects for increasing agricultural production, particularly wheat and rice, in the State of Orissa during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the Districts in the State selected for the purpose; and

(d) the details of financial assistance that the Union Government propose to provide to the State for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) There is no proposal to introduce any pilot project for increasing production of wheat or rice in Orissa during the 7th Five Year Plan period. However, a Centrally Sponsored Speical Rice Production Pdogramme is already under implementation in the State from 1985-86.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**Foodgrains to Orissa under World Food Programme**

687. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are considering to provide foodgrains to the State of Orissa under the World Food Programme;

(b) if so, the number of districts in the State to be covered;

(c) the quantum of foodgrains to be given to the State; and

(d) the period for which this aid will be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) There is no proposal of Government of Orissa under consideration of the Union Government for providing foodgrains assistance under World Food Programme. However, a project entitled 'Socio-economic' Development through Forestry Activities in Orissa is already under operation with WFP commodity assistance from April, 1986.

(b) The project is in operation in all the 13 districts of the State in certain identified areas.

(c) WFP has committed following quantities of commodity aid for the project:

| Commodity | Quantity (Tons) |
|---|---|
| (a) Wheat | 41,470 |
| (b) Rice | 11,230 |
| (c) Vegetable oil | 5,270 |
| (d) Pulses | 5,270 |

(d) The aid will be provided for a period of 5 years from April, 1986.

**Overstay in Government quarter**

688. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 1350 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th August, 1987 and state:

(a) the person occupying Qr. No. 11 LF College Road has since vacated the place; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the amount recovered and the rate at which it was recovered for the period of overstay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Shri N. N. Singh, unauthorised occupant of Qr. No. 11(LF), College Road has since vacated the quarter on 1-9-87 (AN).

(b) Shri Singh has been charged damages at market rate amounting to Rs. 24,323 for the period of overstay. He has already paid Rs. 3,658 and recovery proceedings have been initiated under Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 to recover the outstanding damages.

**Awards for T.V. Serials**

689. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to institute separate awards for television serials and telefilms and not permit them to compete for the National Film Awards given annually; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Doordarshan has a scheme for Annual Awards. As per rules, these awards are given annually for the best programmes produced and telecast by Doordarshan during each calendar year. Decision to widen the scope of these awards to include *inter-alia* television serials and telefiilms has not been taken.

The National Film Awards which are organised by the Directorate of Film Festivals, come under a separate scheme. The Rules for these awards, to be applicable from 1988 and onwards have since been revised. As per these Revised Rules programmes in video format are not eligible for competition.